Criteria for Determining State Plan

437. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the methodology used by the Plan ning Commission in determining the size of the States' Plans;

(b) whether the same criteria is not used for distribution of Central Assist ance to States;

(c) if so, the reasons for this differ ence; and

(d) the States' Annual Plans and Cent ral Assistance to States granted during last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The methodology used for determining the size of the States' Plans is based on the States' Own Resources, the Central Assistance to the States and the additional Resource Mobilisation by the State Governments. Central Assistance to the States is based on the methodology, Criteria & Weights given by Gadgil-Mukherjee Formula, which has been adopted and approved by the National Development Council in December 1991.

(d) A Statement on States' Annual Plans & Central Assistance to States allocated during the last five years is given in the Annexure *[See Appendix 186, Annexure no. 3]*

Assistance to Special Category States

438. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) which are the special category states;

(b) the criteria for categorising special category state;

(c) the details of the per capita central plan assistance to these special category States during last five years;

(d) whether these States have made any improvement in mobilising their own resources for financing plans; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) 10 States are given special category status for allocation of Central Assistance to State Plans. They are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

(b) These States are generally those with hilly terrain, low population density and overall economic backwardness. They are also situated along borders of the country and have weak resource base. A number of them were formed from small Union Territories or districts of some other States.

(c) Details of per capita central plan assistance to these special category states during last five years are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below)

(d) and (e) The resource mobilisation by the special category States is very low due to the negative Balance from Current Revenue (BCR) arising out of high non-Plan revenue expenditure as compared to their revenue receipts. A detailed statement of BCR of these States reflecting their negative resource mobilisation is given in in Annexure *[See Appendix 186, Annexure no. 4]*